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Imperial Ordinance relating to the
Organization of the Naval General
Staff Office. (Iss of December 7th, 1941.)

Article 1.

The Naval General Staff Office shall take charge of matters concerning national defense and the use of armed strength.

Article 2.

There shall be the Chief of the Naval General Staff Office. He shall be personally appointed by the Emperor.

The Chief shall be directly subordinate to the Emperor, take part in the confidential affairs of the Emperor's headquarters and control the Naval General Staff Office.

Article 3.

The Chief shall take charge of plans for national defense and for the use of armed strength, and shall transmit matters concerning the use of armed strength.

Article 4.

There shall be instituted in the Naval General Staff Office the following personnel:

Vice-Chief.
Adjutants.
Divisional Directors.
Sectional Chiefs.
Staff Members.
"Tsuki" (Assistants)

There shall, as necessity may require, be instituted Officers, or High Civil Officials, as "Shusshi" (Attendants) in addition to the personnel mentioned in the preceding Paragraph.

Article 5.

The Vice-Chief shall assist the Chief, supervise the Divisions and co-ordinate the affairs of the Divisions.

Article 6.

The Adjutants shall, under the orders of the Chief, take charge of general affairs.

Article 7.

The Divisional Directors shall, under the orders of the Chief, direct the Sectional Chiefs and lower personnel, and take charge of the affairs of which the principal competency belongs to them, respectively.

The Sectional Chiefs and the Staff Members shall, under the orders of their respective superiors, engage in the discharge of their duties.

Article 8.

The Chief, the Vice-Chief, the Divisional Directors, the Sectional Chiefs and the Staff Members shall be Staff Officers.

Article 9.

The Attendants shall, under the orders of the Chief, engage in the discharge of their duties.

Article 10.

There shall be instituted, at the Japanese Embassies and Legations abroad, Combatant Officers as Embassy and Legation Naval Attaches and Assistant Naval Attaches, and the Chief shall control them.

In addition to the personnel mentioned in the preceding Paragraph, Officers, Special Service Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men and "Hannin" Civil Officers, may be attached as "Tsuki" (Assistants) to the Japanese Embassy Naval Attaches serving in Manchoukuo and the Republic of China.

Article 11.

"Tsuki" (Assistants) shall be appointed from among Secretary-Compilers, Special Service Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Men, Clerks, Clerk-Compilers or Clerk-Technicians. They shall, under the orders of their respective superiors, engage in the discharge of their duties.

Article 12.

The Rules relating to the Service at the Naval General Staff Office shall be laid down by the Chief.

I hereby certify that this is the accurate and exact translation of the Japanese Original attached

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